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City of Brooklyn

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Honoring Our Service Men and Women

***Please join us on Monday, May 30th for the
City of Brooklyn's Memorial Day Ceremonies***

9:30am—West Park Cemetery Services 3942 Ridge Road, Cleveland

11:00am—Parade formation at Brooklyn High School

Noon—Services at City Hall

Police and Fire Department Gather and Grill in Grand Pavilion after services

Please call 216-635-4209 if you are a service person and would like to be recognized at the ceremony. To participate in the parade call 216-635-4282.



**City Buildings will be closed on Monday, May 30th for the
Memorial Day Holiday**



2011 Ice Show "Celebrate America"

Performance Time 7:00pm

Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th



Join us for an evening of spectacular skating performed by members of the City of Brooklyn Learn to Skate Program and Brooklyn Figure Skating Club Members
Adult \$5.00; Students \$3.00; Brooklyn Seniors and Children 5 and under gratis



Recognizing The Service Men and Women from Brooklyn

Thank you !!!

Kyle Beck—Marines

Matthew Haig—Coast Guard

Nicole Percival—Air Force

Marcie Belaska—Air Force

Jonathan Hale—Army

Cathryn F. Rock—Air Force

Keith Campbell—Coast Guard

Nick Hale—Marines

James Rodes—Navy

Bill Cole—Marines

Robert Hennings—Army Res.

Stacy Rodes-Meyers—Navy

William Crane—Army

Ronald Hudak—Army

Walter E. Scharf III—Air Force

Derek DiCaprio—Navy Res.

Todd Jacobs—Army

Ryan Smenda—Navy

Douglas Doza—Coast Guard Res. Jason Kinney—Air Force

Adam Thompson—Navy

Joseph Faragone—Marines

Joseph Koch—Air Force

Dawn Marie Widynski -Army

Nathan Fiet—Air Force

Brandon Melvin—Marines

Dennis Williams—Army

Josh Frey—Army

Mike Newton—Navy

Kent Zavodny

David Frost—Army

Chris Pamfil—Navy

April Gunoe—Air Force

Matthew Park—Coast Guard





Senior Center Important Times and Dates!

The following classes will be offered at the Brooklyn Senior-Community Center

- Tech Wise, LLC, I didn't know my computer could do that! Come and learn about some of the amazing things you can do with your computer. We'll talk about free software you can get that will allow you to design your own home to making movies out of your old photos. We'll also look at some of the amazing things you can do with an internet connection as well. Cost: FREE. Class Dates: May 12, 2011. Time: 10:00am
- Basic Computers with Windows 1 & 2. No previous computer knowledge is required. Class will provide hands on experience for persons who have purchased a computer operating Microsoft Windows. The first session will explain about the computer, how to turn it on and off, the basic functions of the mouse and keyboard, how to use windows, and search menus and more. The second session will provide time for review and progress to understanding scroll bars, menus and other basic functions of Microsoft Windows. Cost: \$45.00. Class Date: May 19 and 26, 2011. Time: 10-Noon.

2011 Senior Grass Cutting Program Cancelled

Regrettably, the City of Brooklyn is unable to provide the Senior Grass Cutting Program this year. Many factors have gone into making this very difficult decision. The Senior Center has a list of private contractors/individuals that offer this service. You may obtain the list from the Senior Center, however, you will be responsible for making all arrangements for services.

The 13th Annual Big Creek Watershed Clean Up

Saturday, June 4, 2011

9:00am—Noon

Join the Friends of the Big Creek in this clean water initiative. Help us protect our local streams and Lake Erie.

Assistance is needed at these locations: Brookfield Park, Brookfield Ave. (between Bellaire and W. 130th)

Brooklyn City Fire Department, 8400 Memphis

Refreshments will be provided for volunteers! Dress for the weather; wear long sleeves and pants; boots or work shoes are recommended; bags and work gloves will be provided; children under age 18 must have adult supervision.

For more info contact:

Amy Roskilly, Cuyahoga SWCD at 216-524-6580, ext.22

Rachel Napolitano, Bellaire—Puritas Development Corporation at 216-671-2710

Bob Gardin, Friends of Big Creek at 216-269-6472

Brooklyn Resident Volunteers at Zoo

Written By: Jim Bogucki, docent



Virginia Roth, Service Volunteer since 1996. Virginia lives in Brooklyn with her husband Joseph. One of her friends, Pat Lipaj, suggested one day that they look into volunteering as a way of keeping busy. They found the Zoo would be the place to meet this goal. Virginia enjoys meeting interesting people and finds it is fun interacting with Zoo visitors. In the summer she posts in the Information Booth, and in the winter she posts in the Steffee Center. At the Steffee Center she not only gets to interact with the visitors, but she gets to observe many of the procedures that are being done on the animals. Virginia's favorite animal is the wolf, but she really likes all the Zoo animals.

Besides being a Zoo volunteer, Virginia is active at the Brooklyn Senior Center where she is a member of the quilters group. She is also a members of a group of volunteers at the Zoo that are putting together a quilt made out of old shirts collected from Zoo staff and volunteers. Besides quilting, sewing, cooking, baking and reading, she is also taking classes at Baldwin Wallace College for retired people. Virginia's advice to other volunteers is to choose posting sites that you enjoy so you look forward to being at the Zoo.



SAFELINK WIRELESS

SAFELINK Wireless is a program that offers the opportunity for a FREE Cell Phone, including FREE monthly minutes, to those individuals who are currently participating in one or more of the programs listed below, and/or are on very limited income. We are coordinating this Community Program in Ohio by partnering with Libraries, Health Screening Events, Social Service offices/buildings and other helpful community organizations such as the Brooklyn Senior Center to place cell phones (250 minutes per month) into the hands of those who need it most in our community. We have been received well with excellent community feedback and those who qualify typically receive the FREE Cell Phone within 7-10 days!

The SafeLink Program is being offered to those that are currently participating in one or more of the programs below:

SafeLink General Eligibility Programs

Section 8/Federal Public Housing Assistance; Medicaid; Food Stamps; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Free National School Lunch Program (NSL); General Assistance/Disability Assistance; Home Energy Assistance (HEAP); Supplemental Security Disability Income (SSDI); Ohio Works First or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

NOTE: * Only One FREE SafeLink phone per household *

Day Camp Registration

- Children who reside in the City of Brooklyn or who attend a school located in the City of Brooklyn, age 5 thru 12 are eligible.
- Camp Activities include Arts and Crafts, Sports, Games, Field Trips, Special Events and MORE!
- Camp Site: Brookridge Elementary School

Monday, June 20 through Friday, July 29, 2011. No camp will be held on July 4th. 6 week program 8:00-2:45pm daily. Residents: \$250.00; Non-Residents attending a school in Brooklyn \$320.00. Fees does not include Special Events and Field Trips.

Register at the Recreation Center on Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th from 11-1:00pm. All Counselors, who are part of our Camp Staff, are 18 years of age or older, have passed criminal background checks, trained in CPR and are First Aid Certified teachers.

CAMP REGISTRATION IS LIMITED

REGISTER EARLY FOR A SUMMER OF FUN!





Safety Department News...

Brooklyn Fire Department Open House and Pancake Breakfast

8400 Memphis Avenue

NEW TIME!!!

Sunday, May 15th from 9:00-2:00pm

Pancake Breakfast served until 12:00pm

\$5.00 All You Can Eat! Kids under 4 Eat Free!

Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the 1941 Fire Truck.

Come help us celebrate Emergency Medical Services Week!

There will be:

Station Tours—Equipment Demonstration—Safe Kids Coalition—Poison

Control—911 Simulator—Parma Hospital

Health Screening—Fire Safety Tips—Mobile

Fire Safety House—Refreshments



House checks are available to residents that are going on vacation or will be away from their residence for an extended period of time. The Police Department will check your home daily until you return. Call 216-749-1234

Summer Sign Ups!

On Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 11:00am—1:00pm you can register for any of the summer programs the Brooklyn Recreation Department offers. Register at the Recreation Center. A valid resident ID card is required at the time of registration.

Learn to Swim Registration: Our learn to swim programs offer aquatic classes for everyone, tots through senior citizens. All classes are Red Cross affiliated and certificates will be issued to participants upon successful completion of requirements. Learn to Swim fees: Residents \$40.00; Non-Residents \$55.00; Parma Hts. Partnership \$47.50. The following classes are available: Parent/Tots—Adults—Starfish Level 1—Level 2-5—Level 6—Lifeguarding—Competitive Swimming, minimum of 6 registrants in order to hold class.

Learn to Swim Registration will take place in the Natatorium Lobby. First Session Registration: Resident, May 14th and 15th 11:00-1:00pm; Non-Resident, May 15th 11:00-1:00pm; Parma Hts. Partnership May 15th 11:00-1:00pm; Day Classes: June 13th through July 6th; Evening Classes: June 13th through August 10th.

Holiday Pool Schedule: Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th CLOSED

Register for Learn to Skate Sessions at the Recreation Center during Summer Sign Up!

Saturday, May 14th 11:00-1:00pm; Sunday, May 15th 11:00-1:00pm. A late fee in the amount of \$10.00 will be applied to all registrations received after the session registration date.

Learn to Skate: Open for all ages 3-adult. Our classes are taught under the format of the United States Figure Skating Basic Skills Program. All skaters become registered with this program when they enroll for classes. Remember to sign up early on registration day! All classes will be on a first come first serve basis.

Resident and Parma Heights Partnership Identification Cards

All residents and Parma Heights residents must have a valid resident identification card when using all facilities in order to receive resident and Parma Heights Partnership rates. Two proofs of residency such as a driver's license, utility bills, are required at the time of purchase or renewal. Tots under 6 need not obtain cards. Students age 6-7 \$5.00; Adults ages 18-59 45.00; Seniors age 60 and older \$5.00; Replacement Cards \$5.00

2011 Identification Cards are valid June 1, 2011-June 1, 2012. Identification cards and passes can be obtained at the Recreation Center during the following hours: Wednesday and Saturday—11:00am-4:00pm; Tuesday and Thursday—2:00-7:00pm. Summer I.D. hours begin June 9th

Calendar of Events—May 2011

- May 1.** Call 216-635-4209 to be added to the list of service men and women for Memorial Day
- May 2.** Brooklyn Animal Shelter Mtg 6:30pm Fire Station; Weight Watchers 6pm Senior Center
- May 3.** Zumba 7pm Senior Center
- May 4.** The Police Department will conduct free Home Security Surveys call 216-749-1234 to make an appt
- May 5.** Planning Commission Mtg 6pm Mayor's Court; Zumba 7pm Senior Center
- May 6.** Fire Department will conduct free Home Safety Surveys call 216-749-1212 to make an appt
- May 7.** If you need a new smoke detector call 216-749-1212
- May 8.** Mother's Day
- May 9.** Finance Mtg 6:30pm; Council Mtg 7pm; Weight Watchers 6pm Senior Center
- May 10.** VFW 7727 Mtg 7pm Fire Station; Zumba 7pm Senior Center; Charter Review 6pm Conference Room
- May 11.** Call 216-749-1212 for child car seat installations, M-F 9-3pm and Sat. 10-2pm
- May 12.** Blood pressure checks at Senior Center from 10-11:30am. Chamber Luncheon Noon Historical Society
- May 14.** Super Sign-Up 11:00-1:00pm Recreation Center
- May 15.** Super Sign-Up 11:00 –1:00pm; EMS Week begins. Fire Station Open House & Pancake Breakfast 9:00-2:00pm
- May 16.** Weight Watchers 6pm Senior Center
- May 17.** Zumba 7pm Senior Center
- May 19.** Zoning Board of Appeal Mtg 7pm Mayor's Court; Red Cross Blood Drive 2-7pm Recreation Center
- May 20.** Democratic Club Mtg 7pm Senior Center
- May 21.** Armed Forces Day
- May 23.** Finance Mtg 6:30pm; City Council 7pm; Weight Watchers 6pm Senior Center
- May 24.** Zumba 7pm; Charter Review 6pm Conference Room
- May 25.** Historical Society Regular Mtg 7pm, Spring Quilt Raffle
- May 26.** Blood pressure check at Senior Center 10-11:30am; Zumba 7pm Senior Center
- May 30.** Memorial Day. City Buildings Closed. Recreation Center Closed. Rubbish Pick-Up One Day Late. West Park Cemetery Service 9:30am, Parade 11:00am; City Hall Service Noon
- May 31.** Zumba 7pm Senior Center